

GRAUSTARK

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"Fall 1903"

11 April 1964

RUSSIANS IN HEADLONG RETREAT

ENGLAND: F Swe-Den; A Liv-Mos; A Nor-St.P.; F Bot S St.P.;
F Lon-Eng, F Nor S German A Hol-Bel.

FRANCE: F Eng-Bel; A Pic S Bel; F Bre-Eng; A Mar-Bur; A Gas &
A Par S Bur;

GERMANY: F Bal-Ber; A Hol-Bel; A Bur-Pic; A Mun S Austrian A Boh;
A Sil-War.

ITALY: F Wes-Mid; F Ion-Adr; A Vie-Bud; A Tri S Bud; A Tyr-Vie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Boh-Mun.

RUSSIA: F St.P-Bot; A Mos-Liv; A War-Sil; A Rum-Bul; F Sev-Bud;
A Bud S Italian A Tri-Ser.

TURKEY: A Ser-Rum; A Gre-Ser; A Bul S Rum; F Ank-Bla; F Con S Ege.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German army in Munich and the Russian army in Budapest are ordered to support foreign moves which were not made, hence these support orders fail. The German move A Bur-Pic keeps the French A Pic from supporting F Eng-Bel even though the Germany army in Burgundy was successfully attacked and dislodged; see p. 4 of the rulebook.

Four retreats are occasioned; in each case there is only one alternative for the defeated unit. These retreats are:

GERMANY: A Bur-Ruh.

RUSSIA: F St.P-Fin; A Bud-Gal; A Rum-Ukr.

Austria-Hungary now possesses no supply centers, and consequently is defeated. The last Austro-Hungarian army in Bohemia is removed.

The powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Denmark, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London, Norway, St. Petersburg, Sweden. (7)

FRANCE: Brest, Marseilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain. (5)

GERMANY: Belgium, Berlin, Holland, Kiel, Munich. (5)

ITALY: Budapest, Naples, Rome, Trieste, Tunis, Venice, Vienna. (7)

RUSSIA: Moscow, Sevastopol, Warsaw. (3)

TURKEY: Ankara, Bulgaria, Constantinople, Greece, Rumania, Serbia, Smyrna. (7)

Italy and Turkey may establish two new units each, and England may establish one new unit. France must remove one unit, and Russia must remove three.

THE DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1903 MOVES IN THIS GAME IS 25 APRIL 1964. PLAYERS ARE URGED TO SEND IN THEIR MOVES BY RETURN MAIL.

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Owing to a temporary shortage of stencils at the Gamesmaster's office, this issue of GRAUSTARK is only 2 pages long. Press release:

for the fall of 1903 will be published in the "Winter 1903" issue.

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DEAN DICKENSHEET, 1433 8th Ave. S., San Francisco, Calif. 94122: The weaknesses of the game are becoming apparent: the idiocy involved in an army being defeated repeatedly without being weakened, redeeming of home territory being as simple as reoccupying external territories, the technical possibility of a power continuing after losing all its home soil - don't tell me that the "Free French" were more than tokens - and the definite advantage of proximity to the Gamesmaster (a local call gains up to two days' study time).

DANIEL J. ALDERSON, 6720 Day St., Tujunga, Calif. 91042: I enclose a check for \$5 for 50 issues. As you see, I am quite optimistic about the durability of the game of postal Diplomacy. The game of Diplomacy was first brought to southern California by a friend of Calhamer's who came to Cal. Tech. as an undergraduate student. It took certain sectors of the student body by storm for one quarter; thereafter, the literal fact that the most enthusiastic Diplomats had flunked out depressed enthusiasm to more sensible levels. I managed to keep my head, and my grade point average, above water, but I did buy my Diplomacy set then, about two years before LASFS caught the Diplomacy bug. All along, I have maintained that the only sensible way to play the game was by mail: the official "15-minute" version is (strictly personal opinion) absolutely impossible, and the type of game played by LASFS tends (as the Techmen found to their misfortune) to absorb all of one's time and attention...keep up the good work, and (as they say at LASFS) "Happiness is a new supply center."

NEWS BULLETINS: "The Italian Government announces that due to the proposed Russian perfidy, a state of war exists between the Tsar of Russia and the King of Italy. No quarter will be given or asked." "The Turkish government informs the Germans that a Turkish army will not stop the Germans from occupation of Switzerland, nor will a Turkish fleet attempt to dislodge any British fleet in the Gulf of Bothnia."

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